

Table 8
Enrollment: Selected Simplified Procedures in Medicaid for Parents,
with Comparisons to Children
December 2009

State	Program	Family Application†	No Face-to-Face Interview	No Asset Test ¹ (or limit for a family of three)	Eliminated TMA Reporting ²
Total	Aligned Medicaid for Children and Separate CHIP *	27	48	48	7
	Total Medicaid for Parents (51)**		41	24	
Alabama	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Alaska ^{2,4}	▲ Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$2,000)	
Arizona ⁵	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	▼ Expanded Medicaid for Parents		N/A	N/A	
Arkansas ^{3,6}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$1,000)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
California ⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,150)	
Colorado	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Connecticut ^{2,3}	▲ Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	Y
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Delaware ³	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
District of Columbia ³	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Florida ⁸	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)	
Georgia ⁷	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$1,000)	
Hawaii ³	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,250)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,250)	
Idaho ^{2,7}	▲ Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	Y
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$1,000)	

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Illinois ³	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Indiana ^{3,7,9}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$1,000)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Iowa ^{3,7,10}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Kansas ¹¹	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Kentucky	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$2,000)	
Louisiana ¹²	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Maine ^{3,13}	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)	
Maryland	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Massachusetts ³	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Michigan	Medicaid for Children	▲	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,000)	
Minnesota ^{3,14}	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$20,000)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$20,000)	
Mississippi	Medicaid for Children	Y		Y	
	Separate CHIP			Y	
	Medicaid for Parents			Y	
Missouri ¹⁵	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Montana ^{2,16}	Medicaid for Children	▲	Y	Y	Y
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,000)	
Nebraska	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$6,000)	
Nevada	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)	
New Hampshire ¹⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$1,000)	

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New Jersey ³	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
New Mexico ^{3,18}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
New York ^{2,3,19}	Medicaid for Children	Y		Y	Y
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents			Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents			Y	
North Carolina ^{7,20}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,000)	
North Dakota	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Ohio ²	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Oklahoma ^{3,7}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Oregon ^{3,21}	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,500)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)	
Pennsylvania ²²	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Coverage for Parents		Y	Y	
Rhode Island ³	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
South Carolina ⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	(\$30,000)	
	Separate CHIP		Y	(\$30,000)	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$30,000)	
South Dakota ^{2,7}	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)	
Tennessee ²³	Medicaid for Children			Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$2,000)	
Texas ²⁴	Medicaid for Children		Y	(\$2,000)	
	Separate CHIP		Y	(\$10,000)	
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$2,000)	
Utah ^{3,25}	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	(\$3,025)	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,025)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Vermont ^{3,26}	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,150)	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	

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Virginia	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Washington ²⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$1,000)	
	Expanded Coverage for Parents		Y	Y	
West Virginia	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$1,000)	
Wisconsin ³	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	
Wyoming	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		Y	Y	
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y	

SOURCE: Based on a national survey conducted by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2009.

Notes for Table 8

▲ Indicates that a state has simplified one or more of its procedures for parents between January 2009 and December 2009, unless noted otherwise.

▼ Indicates that a state has rescinded one or more simplified procedures for parents between January 2009 and December 2009, unless noted otherwise.

* “Aligned Medicaid for Children and Separate CHIP” indicates the number of states that have adopted a particular enrollment simplification strategy and have applied the procedure to both their children’s Medicaid and their CHIP-funded separate program. States that have used CHIP funds to expand Medicaid exclusively are considered “aligned” if the simplified procedure applies to children in the “regular” Medicaid program and the CHIP-funded Medicaid expansion program. “Regular” Medicaid refers to coverage under Medicaid eligibility standards for children in place prior to CHIP; states receive “regular” Medicaid matching payments as opposed to enhanced CHIP matching payments for these children.

** “Total Medicaid for Parents” indicates the number of states that have adopted a particular enrollment simplification strategy and have applied the procedure to both pre-expansion Medicaid for parents and expanded coverage for parents, if the state has expanded coverage for parents. All 50 states and the District of Columbia operate a Medicaid program for parents. 17 states including the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid coverage for working parents up to 100 percent of the federal poverty line or higher.

† This column indicates whether the simplest application that can be used to apply for children’s coverage can also be used to apply for coverage for parents. In states with “family” applications, parents are not required to complete additional forms or provide additional information to obtain coverage for themselves and the family application can be used to apply for all parents and children, whether they are eligible for Medicaid or a separate CHIP program.

Table presents rules in effect as of December 2009, unless noted otherwise.

1. In states with asset limits, the limit noted is for a family of three.
2. This column indicates whether the state eliminated the requirement that beneficiaries report their incomes on a quarterly basis in order to remain eligible for Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA). **Connecticut, Idaho, and New York** eliminated the quarterly reporting requirements as of July 2009. **Alaska, Montana, and South Dakota** eliminated the quarterly reporting requirements as of October 2009. **Ohio** plans to eliminate the quarterly reporting requirements in January 2010.
3. In these states, “Expanded Medicaid for Parents” refers to coverage established through waivers. The coverage offered generally provides fewer benefits and has higher cost-sharing than allowed in Medicaid.
4. In **Alaska**, the asset limit for parents is \$3,000 if the household includes a person age 60 or older.
5. **Arizona** eliminated Section 1115 waiver coverage for parents with incomes between 101 and 200 percent of the federal poverty line, in October 2009.
6. In **Arkansas**, county offices have the option of requiring either a face-to-face or telephone interview for Medicaid. Applicants who have had an active Medicaid case within the past year are not required to do an interview. The joint Medicaid/CHIP application in **Arkansas** has a place for parents to indicate they are interested in health coverage for themselves. Parents that indicate an interest in coverage for themselves are required to complete a separate Medicaid application.

7. In **California, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and South Dakota**, the same simplified application can be used to apply for coverage for children and parents. However, parents must complete additional forms or take additional steps (such as to provide information on assets or absent parents) prior to an eligibility determination for themselves.
8. In **Florida**, interviews may be required if applications appear questionable.
9. In **Indiana**, a telephone interview will meet the interview requirement if the parent is applying for Medicaid only.
10. In **Iowa**, the waiver program for parents requires a separate application.
11. In **Kansas**, there is no asset limit for parents unless there is a trust involved. Trusts are evaluated on a case by case basis and if countable, there is a limit of \$2,000 for one person or \$3,000 for a family of two or more.
12. **Louisiana's** Medicaid/CHIP application is not designed for use by parents but can be used in some circumstances to determine eligibility for a parent.
13. **Maine's** asset rules exempt \$8,000 for an individual and \$12,000 for a household of 2 or more of certain savings, including retirement savings.
14. In **Minnesota**, the asset limit is \$10,000 for a single-parent family, and \$20,000 for a two-parent family.
15. In **Missouri**, children in families with income above 150 percent of the federal poverty line are subject to a "net worth" test of \$250,000.
16. **Montana** eliminated the asset test for children's Medicaid in October 2009.
17. In **New Hampshire**, the asset limit for parent coverage at application is \$1,000. The asset limit for recipient families is \$2,000.
18. In **New Mexico**, there is a single application that can be used to apply for Medicaid for children and parents. The state's waiver coverage for parents has its own application.
19. In **New York**, there are two applications families may use to apply for health coverage for their children, one of which can also be used to apply for parents. The state's waiver program requires a separate application. A contact with a community-based "facilitated enroller" meets the Medicaid face-to-face interview requirement. **New York** plans to eliminate face-to-face interview requirements for children and parents in April 2010. The state is planning to eliminate the asset test for parent coverage as of January 1, 2010, pending CMS approval.
20. In **North Carolina**, the TANF application requires a face-to-face interview, and may be used to determine Medicaid eligibility, but Medicaid does not require an interview.
21. **Oregon** eliminated the asset test in CHIP in October 2009.
22. **Pennsylvania** uses Medicaid and CHIP applications that solicit "common data elements" in collecting information for Medicaid and CHIP, thus making Medicaid and CHIP applications interchangeable. **Pennsylvania's** expanded coverage for parents is state-funded.
23. In **Tennessee**, a face-to-face or telephone interview is required.
24. In **Texas**, the CHIP asset test only applies to families with income above 150 percent of the federal poverty line.
25. **Utah** counts assets in determining Medicaid eligibility for children age 6 and older.
26. In **Vermont**, there are two applications families may use to apply for health coverage for their children, one of which can also be used for parent applications. The state requires a medical support form, but this does not hold up eligibility. The state has an asset test for children's Medicaid and CHIP, however if the countable assets exceed the asset limit, the children are eligible under the 1115 waiver which has no asset test.
27. **Washington** only requires verification of assets for parent coverage at application if they are questionable. In **Washington**, expanded coverage for parents is state-funded.